For Sylvia - Think I forgot to send this with my last pkg. Sorry.
Fred.

Autopsy

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

CODE NAMES USED

WAYSIDE	Pierre Salinger
VOLUNTEER	Lyndon B. Johnson
CROWN	White House
WATCHMAN	General Clifton
WITNESS	Captain Shepard
LACE	Mrs. Kennedy
DAGGER	Rufus Youngblood
VALLEY	The Elms - 4040 52nd St., N. W.
VENUS	Luci - however, believe this
VICTORIA	Mrs. Lyndon Johnson
WING	General McHugh
SLUGGER	Captain Stoughton
WARRIOR	Mr. Kilduff
WINNER	Mr. Hatcher
TANKER	Colonel Cook
TIGER	Colonel Swindall

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RADIO TRAFFIC - November 22, 1963

WAYSIDE: Give me all available information on President.

SIT. ROOM: All information on President follows: "President John F. Kennedy and Governor Connally of Texas have been hit in the car in which they were riding. We do not know how serious the situation is. We have no information. Mr. Bromley Smith is back here in the Situation Room now. We are getting our information over the tickers."

WAYSIDE: That is affirmative. Please listen hard -- this plane on which Secretary of State Rusk and other Cabinet members headed for Japan is turning around and returning to Honolulu -- Will arrive there in approximately 2 hours.

SIT ROOM: Understand. Those departing Honolulu are turning around will be back there in 2 hours. Is that correct?

WAYSIDE: That is affirmative. Will read all information and decide whether some of party should go directly to Dallas.

SIT. ROOM: Do you wish information as to whether some of members of that party should go to Dallas?

WAYSIDE: That is affirmative.

SIT. ROOM: Do you have anything else?

WAYSIDE: No. Any other information, please get ahold as quickly as possible.

SIT. ROOM: The AP is coming out now to the effect that they believe the President was hit in the head. That just came in.

WAYSIDE: Hit in the head?

SIT ROOM: Roger, will pass on any additional information we get as soon as we hear it.

WAYSIDE: Will standby for your call.

SIT. ROOM: Wayside, I read from the AP bulletin -- "Kennedy apparently shot in head. He fell face down in back seat of his car. Blood was on his head. Mrs. Kennedy cried, "Oh no," and tried to hold up his head. Connally remained half-seated, slumped to the left. There was blood on his face and forehead. The President and the Governor were rushed to Parkland Hospital near the Dallas Trade Mart where Kennedy was to have made a speech."

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KELLERMAN: We're at the airport now.

BEHN: OK, go ahead.

KELLERMAN: We're waiting for the swearing-in before takeoff.

BEHN: That of Volunteer?

KELLERMAN: We're waiting for Judge for swearing-in.

BEHN: That is for Volunteer, is that right?

KELLERMAN: Yes, we're having it done before we take off.

BEHN: Do you have any idea what Lace wants to do and Volunteer wants to do upon arrival here?

KELLERMAN: No, I will call you back. We have a 2 hour 15 minute flight into Andrews. We have a full plane, about 40.

BEHN: Yes, go ahead.

KELLERMAN: I'll have to call you back. Get a couple of men, rather the Volunteer boys to go over his car and so forth. We'll also need hers and several others.

BEHN: Let me know what Volunteer wants to do -- if they want to come in to Crown by helicopter?

AF COMMAND POST: What is your estimated time of departure?

AF-1: In a few minutes.

AF COMMAND POST: Do you have any passengers aboard?

AF-1: Full load, 40 plus.

AF COMMAND POST: Is Mrs. Kennedy aboard?

AF-1: Affirmative

SAM COMMAND POST: We have request from the Chief of Staff's office, is Mr. Johnson and Mr. Kennedy's body aboard?

AF-1: Affirmative on all of those questions.

SAM COMMAND POST: Are you airborne?

AF-1: Airborne at 2047Z. Estimated block time Andrews 2305Z.

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AF-1: We want a patch with General Heaton, Surgeon General of the Army.

KELLERMAN: Arriving Andrews 6:05. The body will go to Walter Reed. Have an ambulance from Walter Reed to take the body there.

BEHN: Arrangements have been made for a helicopter to take the body to Bethesda Medical Center.

KELLERMAN: Standby, Jerry. I'll get Burkley here.

DR. BURKLEY: This is Dr. Burkley. What arrangements have been made?

BEHN: Everybody aboard AF-1 with the exception of the body will be choppered into the South Grounds. The body will be choppered to the Naval Medical Center at Bethesda.

BURKLEY: It will be choppered to go by ambulance to the Naval Medical Center?

BEHN: Will be choppered.

BURKLEY: I have called General Heaton and asked him to call the Military District of Washington regarding military arrangements. The body is in a casket and will have to be taken by ambulance and not by chopper.

BEHN: I'll tell Captain Shepard that.

BURKLEY: General Heaton, this is Admiral Burkley. Did you contact MDW in regards to taking care of the remains of President Kennedy taking him directly to Walter Reed? Probably Mrs. Kennedy will also be going out there. We will clarify that later.

HEATON: All right.

BURKLEY: Just a minute. General Clifton is here.

CLIFTON: This is General Clifton. We do not want a helicopter to go to Bethesda Medical Center. We do want an ambulance and a ground return from Andrews to Walter Reed, and we want the regular post-mortem that has to be done by law under guard performed at Walter Reed. Is that clear?

HEATON: That is clear, General Clifton. An ambulance and another limousine at Andrews and we want the regular post-mortem by law done at Walter Reed.

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CLIFTON: Correct.

BURKLEY: What arrangements have you made? (I believe here Dr. Burkley at first thought he was speaking to Behn.)

HEATON: We have made no arrangements so far, but I will follow through on what you just told me -- have an ambulance and a limousine at Andrews and arrangements in regards to the post-mortem studies.

BURKLEY: Some arrangements have already been made. Here realizing that General Heaton was on the line.) We will have to clear that before we can go further.

CLIFTON: (To Behn) This is Watchman. I understand that you have arranged for an ambulance to take President Kennedy to Bethesda. Is this correct?

BEHN: It has been arranged to helicopter the body to Bethesda.

CLIFTON: Ok, if it isn't too dark. What about the First Lady?

BEHN: Everyone else will be helicoptered into the South Grounds.

CLIFTON: Are you sure that the helicopter operation will work? We have a very heavy casket.

BEHN: According to Witness, yes.

CLIFTON: Don't take a chance on that. Also have a mortuary-type ambulance standby in case the helicopter doesn't work.

BEHN: Affirmative.

CLIFTON: Now, some other instructions: Listen carefully. We need a ramp put at the front of the aircraft on the right hand side just behind the pilot's cabin in the galley. We are going to take the First Lady off by that route.

BEHN: Understand.

CLIFTON: Also, at the left rear -- at the rear of the aircraft where we usually dismount, we may need a fork-lift rather than a ramp. A platform to walk out on and a fork-lift to put it on. The casket is in the rear compartment and because it is so heavy we should have a fork-lift there to remove the casket. If this is too awkward we can go along with a normal ramp and several men.

BEHN: Affirmative. We will try for the fork-lift.

CLIFTON: Next item. There is to be normal Press arrangements at Andrews. They should be in front of the aircraft because that is where he'll come off. He is going to the White House by chopper.

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TANKER: I have been informed from Dallas that it was desired that the aircraft be parked in an isolated spot when you arrive here. However, Watchman had a long discussion with Behn and nothing about that was mentioned. The present plan on the ground here is to spot you in the regular place unless Watchman says now that this is not desired.

TIGER: I believe that they are parking in the regular place. Where did you get that information from down in Dallas?

TANKER: It was from the USAF Command Post agent there and I heard from him that you had told him to do this.

TIGER: We told him to look into that to see if the family had ordered it down. We were going to discuss it on the plane. Go ahead and park in the regular place. We need steps in the right front of the aircraft, the press box will be on the left of the aircraft, and President Johnson will deplane in the front of the aircraft. We need a fork-lift at the rear of the aircraft.

TANKER: Understand. Have all been carried out. We will continue with the plan to spot you in the regular place. There will be a ramp left front, a ramp right front, a fork-lift left rear, the Press area left front.

The remainder of the tape is traffic between AF-1 and Andrews checking on weather.

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